GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF ONION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have agreed to allow additional one lakh tonne of onion export in the wake of good production in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(b) if so, whether this is in addition to the one lakh tonne of onion exported in the month of December, 1999;

(c) if so, the production of onion in the country; and

(d) the extent to which it has helped in earning the foreign exchange?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Government permitted the export of 100,000 MTs of all varieties of onions during the period 9.2.2000 till 31.3.2000

c) The total production of onion in the country during 1999-2000 is estimated at 47.5 lakh MTs.

d) The country has been able to earn foreign exchange of about Rs. 150 crores through export of onion permitted by the Government for the period 9.2.2000 to 31.3.2000.